

HOUSE RESOLUTION 242

By Zachary

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Doug Sager of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Doug Sager; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sager was an exemplary public servant, consummate professional, passionate Christ follower, and patriot who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, for twenty years, Dr. Doug Sager served as pastor of First Baptist Concord, one of Knox County's largest churches; at the time of his retirement in 2013, the church was the largest Southern Baptist church in Knoxville, with a congregation totaling more than 8,000 members; he also founded Concord Christian School, which is now one of the fastest growing private Christian schools in the State; and

WHEREAS, a beloved and trusted mentor and teacher, Dr. Sager was called to serve at Vonore Baptist Church following his retirement from First Baptist Concord, and it was there that he continued the passionate ministry that was begun when he answered the call at the young age of eleven; and

WHEREAS, "Brother Doug," as he was commonly called, was known for boldly proclaiming truth; his wisdom, leadership, and passion for children; his vivacious approach to life and his pastorate; and his grand entrances at Vacation Bible School during the summer—from zip lining in, to riding a dragon, to arriving via motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sager was committed to serving his community; in 2016, he led the church in a fundraiser to provide bulletproof vests for the Vonore and Madisonville police officers; he was also a staunch supporter of the Mission of Hope; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doug Sager was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was blessed to share the love and support of his wife, Faye, with whom he served in the ministry for sixty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Doug Sager leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication to reach every possible person at every possible time in every possible way with the claim to Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Dr. Doug Sager, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living a Christian life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.